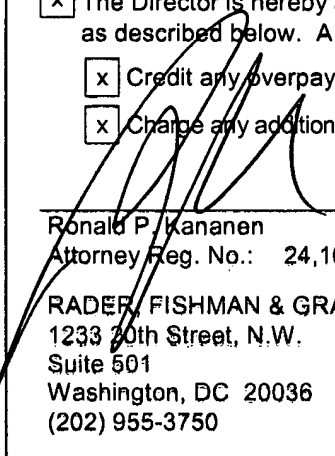


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Application No. 10/642,758-Conf. #3729		Filing Date August 19, 2003		Examiner G. Patel	
Art Unit 2655					
Applicant(s): Minoru Hashimoto et al.					
Invention: OPTICAL DISC DRIVE FOR PERFORMING READ/WRITE OPERATIONS AND OPTICAL DISKS					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20050218), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.